

***DO YOU THINK AMERIKA AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
GIVES ONE WHIT WHAT YOU SACRIFICED AND LOST
IN THE LINE OF DUTY?***

***The other face of child abandonment. Very hard to watch kids grow up,
help with homework or tuck them in bed from 6000 miles away. That's
alright. Maybe when grown he will remember mom like she remembered
him...out of sight, out of mind.***



Harry Chapin - Cat's In The Cradle Lyrics for absent moms.

My child arrived just the other day; He came to the world in the usual way.
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay; He learned to walk while I was away.
And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew, He'd say "I'm gonna be like you, mom.
You know I'm gonna be like you."

My son turned ten just the other day; He said, "Thanks for the ball, mom, come on let's
play. Can you teach me to throw," I said "Not today; I got a lot to do," he said, "That's
ok." And he walked away but his smile never dimmed as he said, "I'm gonna be like her,
yeah! You know I'm gonna be like her."

Well, he came from college just the other day; so much like a man, I just had to say.
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?" He shook his head and said with a
smile, "What I'd really like, mom, is to borrow the car keys. See you later, can I have
them please?"

The cat's in the cradle with a silver spoon; My Little boy grew up with a mom on the
moon. **When you comin' home, mom,** I don't know when, but we'll get together then.
You know we'll have a good time then.

I've long since retired, my son's moved away; I called him up just the other day;
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind." He said, "I'd love to, mom, if I can find the time. You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu; but it's sure nice talking to you, mom; it's been sure nice talking to you...."

The cat's in the cradle with a silver spoon; My Little boy grew up with a mom on the moon. ***When you comin' home, Son***, I don't know when, but we'll get together then, mom. You know we'll have a good time then.....

And as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me; He'd grown up just like me; My boy was just like me....

The cat's in the cradle with a silver spoon; My Little boy grew up with a mom on the moon. *When you comin' home, Son*, I don't know when, but we'll get together then, mom. You know we'll have a good time then.....

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I sometimes frequent a place. It is the graveyard of "*Someday I'll*," which is located beside a cornfield. I watch the phantoms that live there. They go by names of 'a life that might've been,' 'wait until tomorrow,' 'if only I had of,' 'what if I,' 'I plan to,' 'I should've,' 'I could've,' 'I would've,' 'I might've,' 'maybe' and more. A growing gang of regrets that all originate from distant lands of lost imaginings, self-denied promises, delays, saving for a rainy day and better times, places other than right here and now. Duty, obligation, commitment to others always placed first and above all else left nothing remaining behind them for anything more or for me. So being true to self and dreams were set aside, forgotten, pending arrival of another opportunity that never came. Now they are all dead, long buried and lost, existing only as regrets that hide as ghosts within the complicated places of mind, beside a cornfield, in a graveyard named - '*Someday I'll*.'